



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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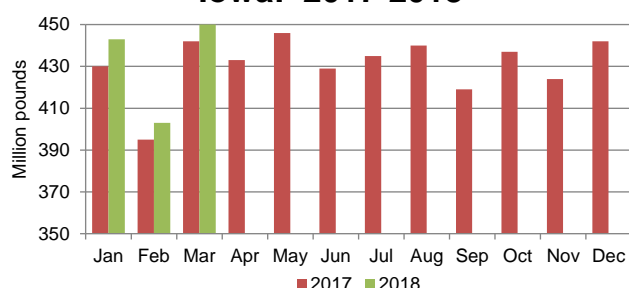
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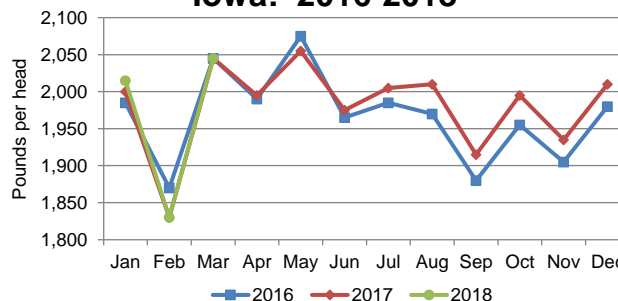
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Milk production in Iowa during March 2018 totaled 450 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 4,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,045 pounds, unchanged from last March.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2017-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2016-2018**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: March 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Change from 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	202	209	2,285	2,275	462	475	2.8
California	1,755	1,737	1,995	2,070	3,501	3,596	2.7
Colorado	158	169	2,235	2,245	353	379	7.4
Florida	124	123	1,925	1,895	239	233	-2.5
Idaho	596	605	2,025	2,075	1,207	1,255	4.0
Illinois	93	93	1,860	1,875	173	174	0.6
Indiana	186	187	1,995	2,025	371	379	2.2
Iowa	216	220	2,045	2,045	442	450	1.8
Kansas	153	155	2,030	2,025	311	314	1.0
Michigan	425	426	2,265	2,280	963	971	0.8
Minnesota	459	454	1,855	1,855	851	842	-1.1
New Mexico	327	334	2,220	2,215	726	740	1.9
New York	622	625	2,055	2,020	1,278	1,263	-1.2
Ohio	262	260	1,865	1,870	489	486	-0.6
Oregon	124	123	1,775	1,755	220	216	-1.8
Pennsylvania	525	525	1,840	1,835	966	963	-0.3
South Dakota	117	120	1,915	1,880	224	226	0.9
Texas	507	518	2,100	2,155	1,065	1,116	4.8
Utah	94	97	1,950	1,985	183	193	5.5
Vermont	129	128	1,820	1,805	235	231	-1.7
Virginia	87	86	1,795	1,760	156	151	-3.2
Washington	273	275	2,020	2,070	551	569	3.3
Wisconsin	1,280	1,274	2,030	2,040	2,598	2,599	0.0
23-State Total	8,714	8,743	2,016	2,038	17,564	17,821	1.5

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 17.8 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from March 2017. February revised production at 15.9 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from February 2017. The February revision represented a decrease of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 2,038 pounds for March, 22 pounds above March 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of March since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.74 million head, 29,000 head more than March 2017, but 2,000 head less than February 2018.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 54.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.41 million head, 9,000 head more than the October - December quarter, and 38,000 head more than the same period last year.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

